Volume 2
Chapter 16

WASN'T THERE A BETTER WAY TO HANDLE IT?
WAS IT REALLY A GOOD IDEA TO FIRE HIM?
WAS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK TO BE A LITTLE MORE PATIENT WITH HIM AND TEACH HIM HOW TO DO IT RIGHT?
...
...EVEN IF I TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM IN WORDS, HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND...
HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME!?
HOW WAS HE SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG IF YOU DON'T TELL HIM IT?
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YOU DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE, DO YOU!?

NILAM!!
SFX: SST
SFX: CRACK
!!
QUIT NAG-GING ME
SFX: CRUMBLE
YOU TOLD BAKI THAT YOU'RE A MONSTER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHICH REMINDS ME...

WHAT AN UNNECESSARY THING TO DO...
WHAT ABOUT IT...?
HAVE YOU NOT LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT BAKI WHILE HE WAS HERE?
SFX: HMPH
WHAT BAKI NEEDS NOW IS THE COURAGE TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS ON HIS OWN
IT'S UTTERLY POINTLESS TO GO OUT OF OUR WAY AND OFFER HIM A HELPING HAND...
WHICH IS WHY HE CAN EASILY OPEN HIS HEART TO PEOPLE WHO COME TO HIM, BUT...
HE SPENT A VERY LONG TIME COOPED UP IN HIS OWN WORLD
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THE PROBLEM ISN'T BAKI TREATING HUMANS AND MONSTERS DIFFERENTLY

SO HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE WHO SHUT HIMSELF OFF FROM OTHER PEOPLE
HE'S NOT ONLY SCARED OF MAKING THE FIRST STEP AND OPENING UP TO OTHERS, HE SUCKS AT IT TOO...
HE SHOULD ALWAYS BE TRUE TO HIMSELF, CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS AND TREAT THEM WITH LOVE
AS LONG AS BAKI DOESN'T FIGURE THESE THINGS OUT BY HIMSELF, HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I TEACH HIM, MUCH LESS PUT IT INTO ACTION

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THAT'S WHY I...
YOU JUST DON'T GET SOME THINGS UNLESS SOMEONE POINTS THEM OUT TO YOU...
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST TOLD HIM THAT!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THIS THAT...
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!?
YOSHIO LEFT US TOO...

I LEFT THE INN SLEEP-DEPRIVED
MORNING CAME BEFORE I COULD CATCH ANY SLEEP
BUT I JUST COULDN'T HOLD A THOUGHT
I TRIED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT
WHAT AM I DOING HERE
BEFORE TOO LONG, I FOUND MYSELF STANDING IN FRONT OF NILAM'S PLACE
LET'S GO, GUYS!!
SFX: BA-DUMP

HEY NOW! NO PUSHING, PANTHER!!
WHAT'S WRONG, SLAMBO? YOU SEEM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS!
BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE ALL WENT FOR A WALK TOGETHER LAST, HASN'T IT?

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HAHA! ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT!
MEEP! MEEP!!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I SEE HIM SO... HAPPY
PANTHER WAS RUBBING HIS HEAD PLAYFULLY AGAINST GRAMPS,
DORA WAS WAGGING HIS TAIL LIKE A DOG,
WHILE SLAMBO WAS SITTING ON HIS HEAD SMILING LIKE HE WAS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE
DAMN YOU, SLAM-BO...
SIGH...
NILAM'S MONSTERS WERE TAG-GING ALONG WITH HIM LIKE A GROUP OF HAPPY LITTLE KIDS
?
IT WAS LIKE WATCHING A FAMILY GO OUT ON A SUNDAY
YOU NEVER SMILED LIKE THAT TO ME
IT WAS A DIS-PLAY OF MUTUAL "TRUST"

I WATCHED THEM PASS ME BY WITH FEELINGS OF REGRET AND ENVY
OH YOU'RE JUST HAPPY?
MEEP MEEP
!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, SLAMBO?
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
I WENT TO THE HARBOR, BUT IT SEEMS THINGS ARE STILL NOT BACK TO NORMAL
THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE I LEFT NILAM'S PLACE
I STILL HAD ENOUGH OF MY PAY LEFT TO HOLD OUT A FEW MORE DAYS
AFTER SOME PONDERING, I DECIDED TO HEAD BACK TO ORACLEFERRY
NOW WHAT DO I DO

BUT I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS WAITING FOR ME ON THE WAY
MAN, IT'S HOT ...
BUZZ
BUZZ
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
OH NO! IS IT A MON-STER!?
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
I LET MY GUARD DOWN !!
SHIT!

UGH!!
MY SHOUL-DER!?
SET AT
GROOO OOWL!!
GRRR

WHILE I'M ALONE AND BARE-HANDED... I DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
BABY NEWTS!! FIVE OF THEM AT ONCE!!
SFX: DASH
NO CHOICE BUT TO... MAKE A RUN FOR IT!!
GALE!!
SFX: SWOOSH

!?
SFX: BANG
SFX: BLAST
SFX: BOOM
HE JUST BLASTED THROUGH MY GALE !!?
SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: SLIDE
GAH!!
SFX: SLIDE
SFX: THUMP
OW...
DIDN'T THINK THESE GUYS COULD USE FIRE-BALL!!
!!

SFX: JUMP
I DON'T WANT TO DIE HERE!!
DAMN IT!!
SFX: THUD
GLIH!
SFX: BOOM
SHIT!!
I'M GOING TO GET KILLED !!
WHA-!

MEEP!!
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Appendix:

Characters in chapter 16:

Baki

Nilam

Bunny girl

Yashia

Slamba

Panther

Galems

Dara

Mansters in chapter 16:

Leoonar (Hellion)

Baby Newt (Sizzard)

Spells in chapter 16:

- Gole (Woosh)
- Firebol (Sizz)

Lacatians in chapter 16:

- Oracleberry (Fortuno)
- Port Selmi (Lodestar Horbour)